

REMARKS

In the office action mailed December 2, 2004, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 12 - 15, 24, 25, 27, 28, and 35 - 38 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e). The Examiner objected to claims 3, 6 - 11, 16 - 23, 26, 29 - 34, and 39 - 46 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The Applicant has amended claims 6, 14, 25 - 46 to correct informalities. For example, claims 25 - 46 have been amended to recite a method as opposed to a system.

Claims 1 - 23

In the office action, the Examiner rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application No. 09/753,982 (published Dec. 6, 2001; hereinafter "Rigole"). The Examiner states that Rigole's Interchange Party Computer System ("IPCS") is interpreted as the Applicant's Integrated Services Controller ("ISC"); the Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's interpretation.

In the Examiner's rejection of claim 1, the Examiner states that Rigole discloses providing an IPCS that allows a customer to access a variety of different services from different service providers. The Examiner suggests that such language is equivalent to integrated control of at least one communication service provided by at least one communication service provider. This suggestion is incorrect. Rigole discloses, in essence, a system for providing a user interface to a consumer that allows the consumer to access service programs from a plurality of service providers (e.g., e-commerce). The service programs include, for example, automatic bill payment and incentive programs for particular service providers. Examples of these service providers include Amazon.com, Bizrate.com, Mortgage.com, etc. *See e.g.*, the Abstract of Rigole, paragraphs 2 - 4 and 8. However, Rigole does not teach or reasonably suggest providing any type of communication service from a communication service provider.

Claim 1 recites a system for providing integrated control of at least one communication service provided by at least one communication service provider. The system includes at least one ISC that is configurable to provide dynamic service profile merging of service-specific parameters, which may contain one or more variable entries provided by each communication service. Communication services as described in the Applicant's specification refer to services such as telephony, data, and/or video services (*see e.g.*, page 9, lines 10 - 18). Such

communication services are neither taught nor reasonably suggested by Rigole. In fact, the word "communication" is not found in Rigole.

Since Rigole does not teach or reasonably suggest the communication services of the Applicant's claims, claim 1 is novel and nonobvious in view of Rigole. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of claim 1. Additionally, claims 2 - 23 depend from independent claim 1 and inherit all the novel and nonobvious features of the independent claim. For at least these reasons, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of claims 2 - 23.

Claims 24 - 46

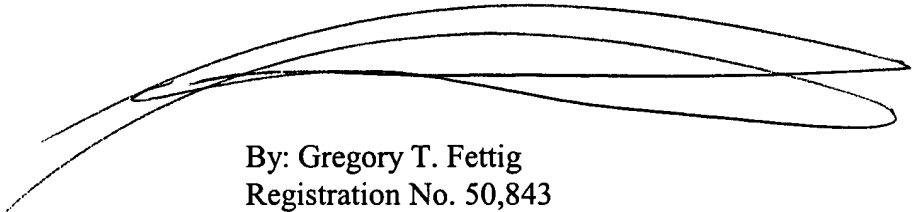
In the office action, the Examiner also rejected claim 24 stating the same reasons for the rejection of claim 1. In claim 24, the Applicant claims a method for providing integrated control of at least one *communication service* provided by at least one *communication service provider*. The method includes a step of dynamically merging a plurality of service specific parameters into a multiservice profile which may comprise at least one service specific field unique to each *communication service*. The arguments in favor of novelty for claim 1 apply herein as well.

Since Rigole does not teach or reasonably suggest the communication services of the Applicant's claim 24, claim 24 is novel and nonobvious in view of Rigole. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of claim 24. Additionally, claims 25 - 46 depend from independent claim 24 and inherit all of the novel and nonobvious features of the independent claim. For at least these reasons, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of claims 25 - 46.

CONCLUSION

Based upon the foregoing, the Applicant believes that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and such disposition is respectfully requested. In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecution and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned. Respectfully submitted,

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